

Reporting Office
(615) 262-6313

The results of all examinations performed in the microbiology laboratories are reported through this office on a daily basis. Reports are confidential and are released to the submitting physician or his assignee. Surveillance for reportable diseases is maintained by forwarding appropriate reportable disease information to the Tennessee Department of Health Communicable and Environmental Disease Services (CEDS). Results of reportable diseases are also reported to the health department of the county where the patient lives.

The reports are kept on file for two years and then destroyed. The exceptions are:

Reports	Retention
Water samples (environmental microbiology)	five years
Foodborne outbreaks	indefinitely
Rabies virus (Positive only)	indefinitely

Training Resources
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General Training Activities

The Training Section coordinates and conducts a number of activities developed in response to comments from the general laboratory community, requests from environmental program areas, current information about emerging diseases and technologies, and suggestions gathered through formal training needs assessments.

Workshops and seminars are developed in the technical areas of microbiology, chemistry, and biology. Also presented are seminars on management, quality assurance, and safety. Workshops are announced by mail, advertisements in professional publications, notices in the laboratory newsletter and on the Internet, and by the formal announcement of a co-sponsoring agency. Bench training in a microbiology specialty is available on a limited basis through written request to the Director of Laboratory Services.

Frequent satellite conferences are presented on a broad range of topics. Use of the satellite is available to outside health professionals and environmentalists by prior arrangement.

The TDH Laboratory Services Newsletter is sent to laboratories and other interested individuals throughout the state and to all states and territories in the union. The newsletter is an extension of the consultative and informational functions of the state laboratory rather than a technical publication. Announcements of changes in available tests, upcoming training opportunities, and other information relevant to laboratory practice are included.

Audiovisual Materials for Loan

Laboratory Services has educational audiovisual materials available for loan to hospitals, laboratories, and other health care facilities located in Tennessee. The collection consists of standard VHS (1/2") videotapes. No CEU, CME, or other credit is awarded in connection with the viewing of these videotapes; however, many facilities award in-house credit. Call 615-262-6318 for the most recent list of available tapes.

Please make requests for instructional media in writing. The Instructional Audiovisual Materials for Loan Request Form, Figure VIII-2, can be faxed to 615-262-2360. No request will be filled without the signature of the individual who accepts responsibility for the safe return of loan materials.

A minimum replacement cost of \$10.00 will be charged for all lost or damaged AV materials (some video replacement costs are much higher). It is recommended that packages be return by insured mail.

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PLEASE COPY AS NEEDED

Tennessee Department of Health Laboratory Services
Instructional Audiovisual Materials Loan Request Form

Catalog Number	Title of the Program	Preferred Date	Second Choice Date

The loan period is two weeks. Requests will be filled one at a time.

PLEASE PRINT. This form must be filled out completely for your request to be filled.

_____/_____/_____
Last Name, First Middle

Name of the Borrowing Institution

Street City State Zip code
(____) (____)

Business Phone No. + area code Alternate Number. + Area code

On behalf of my institution, I assume responsibility for the safe return of these materials to the Tennessee Department of Health Training Section. I agree to pay the cost of replacement for lost or damaged materials.

Borrower's Signature _____ Date _____

Mail your request to the address below or FAX to 615-262-6360.

Return to: Laboratory Services
Tennessee Dept of Health
630 Hart Lane
Nashville, TN 37247-0801

Laboratory Preparedness

(Section under construction)

Laboratory Preparedness

The anthrax events of October 2001, recent outbreaks of WNV, SARS, and Monkeypox, and concerns about Avian Flu have alerted health care providers to the importance of infectious diseases in today's world. There is an increased recognition of the role laboratories and public health play in responding to bioterrorism, infectious disease outbreaks, and other public health threats and emergencies

The Tennessee Department of Health Laboratory Services is working to develop a strong working relationship and communication with public health, hospital-based, veterinary, and environmental testing laboratories in our state. Our goals include:

- Developing of a system for rapid communication with sentinel laboratories in the event of an emergency.
- Increasing interactions between hospital and private laboratories and public health laboratories.
- Providing updates on procedures.
- Providing resources for training and information.

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